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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
GERALD L. MYERS	)	Group Art Unit 1733
	)	
Serial No. 08/997,202	)	
	)	Examiner Gladys Piazza
Filed: December 23, 1997	)	
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For: METHOD FOR BALANCING	)	Attorney Docket 1-5703
A VEHICLE DRIVESHAFT	)	

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D. C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel Claims 14 through 24 and add new Claims 25 through 43 as follows:

25. A method of manufacturing a driveshaft for use in a vehicular drive train assembly that is balanced for rotation about an axis comprising the steps of:

(a) providing an unbalanced driveshaft;  
(b) providing a balance weight having a serrated outer peripheral surface;  
(c) providing an adhesive material between the unbalanced driveshaft and the balance weight;

(d) moving the unbalanced driveshaft and the balance weight toward one another such that a first portion of the adhesive material is disposed between the unbalanced driveshaft and the balance weight at a location for balancing the

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